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<b>SUPPLEMENT AMENDMENT</b>		Attorney Docket	GUID-003DIV2
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		First Named Inventor	Charles S. Taylor
		Application Number	09/440,106
		Filing Date	11/15/1999
		Group Art Unit	3736
		Examiner Name	Robert L. Nasser
		Title	Surgical Devices for Imposing a Negative Pressure to Stabilize Cardiac Tissue During Surgery

Dear Sir:

This amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed July 18, 2002 in response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2002. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks in the Amendment filed July 18, 2002, as well as the submission of new claims and remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims**

Please enter new claims 37-40 as follows:

*D* ~~37. (New) A device for imposing a negative pressure on the surface of the heart comprising: first and second shafts joined by an articulating link; first and second suction port assemblies, wherein said first shaft is attached to said first suction port assembly and said second shaft is attached to said second port assembly; wherein each said suction port assembly is comprised of a block having a plurality of suction ports disposed therein, and wherein each said block is attached to a vacuum line.~~

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38. (New) As part of a surgical procedure on the heart, a method comprising the steps of: accessing a surface of the heart;